

We claim:

1. An inosine-L-arginine salt.
2. The inosine-L-arginine salt of claim 1, wherein inosine and L-arginine are present in substantially equimolar amounts
3. The inosine-L-arginine salt of claim 1 produced by the process of
  - a) dissolving in water inosine and L-arginine in substantially equimolar amounts,
  - b) drying the dissolution product.
4. The inosine-L-arginine salt of claim 3, wherein the process includes the additional step of adding the product of step (a) to anhydrous ethanol prior to step (b).
5. A composition comprising the inosine-L-arginine salt of claim 1.
6. A composition comprising an aqueous solution of inosine and L-arginine.
7. The composition of claim 6, wherein said inosine and said L-arginine are present in substantially equimolar amounts.
8. A method of promoting the growth of a plant comprising treating said plant with an inosine-L-arginine salt.
9. A method of promoting the growth of a plant comprising treating said plant with a composition comprising an aqueous solution of inosine and L-arginine.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein said inosine and said L-arginine are present in substantially equimolar amounts.
11. A method of activating a cell comprising treating the cell with an inosine-L-arginine salt.
12. A method of activating a cell comprising treating the cell with a composition comprising an aqueous solution of inosine and L-arginine.
13. The method of claim 12, wherein said inosine and said L-arginine are present in

substantially equimolar amounts.

14. A method of making an inosine·L-arginine salt comprising
  - a) dissolving in water inosine and L-arginine in substantially equimolar amounts; and
  - b) adding the product of step (a) to anhydrous ethanol; and
  - c) drying the product of step (b) to obtain inosine·L-arginine salt.